THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (c) There are no restriction on the export of poultry products. However, to boost the export of poultry products thrust is being made on ;

(i) infrastructural development

(ii) packaging development

(iii) training and information dissemination

(iv) promotion and publicity

(v) formulation of quality stantards

(d) export of poultry products during 1992-93 and 1993-94 (Apr.—Nov. 93) is given below :

Value : US $

1992-93	1993-94 (Apr.—Nov.)(P)
5934285	2668416

Source : DGCI&S, P : Provisional

Exchange Rate 1992-93 : 1 US$ Rs. 28,963

1993-94 1 US$ Rs. 31.362

Set back, in Exports of Gold Jwellery from NEPZ

1895. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that exports of gold jewellery from Noida Export Processing Zone (NEPZ) have suffered a set back ;

(b) if so, the details of the volume of export and reasons for the set back ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some units in the zone have virtually closed their operations ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) No, Sir. Exports of gem and jewellery from Noida Export Processing Zone during April 1993 to January, 1994 have registered an increase of about 20% as compared to the exports during the corresponding period of previous year.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Only one gem & jewellery unit has been debonded since April, 1993 owing to internal difficulties.

Export of Skimmed Milk Powder

1896. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is exploring the prospects for the export of skimmed milk powder (SMP) to neighbouring countries ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the country has already obtained some export orders ; and

(d) if so, the names of the countries and volume of orders ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) With effect from 29-9-93 Government has decanalised the export of powder milk (skimmed and full cream), and whole or infant milk food. A quantitative ceiling of 25,000 Mt. has been released for powder milk and infant milk food to the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) which will be allocating quotas and monitoring exports.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

ICC Urging for Comprehensive Policy Package

1897. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the International Chamber of Commerce has urged for a comprehensive

policy package for India to establish itself in the post Dunkel world trading system ;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government on the views of the International Chamber of Commerce ;

(c) whether the global exports from India would increase considerably ; and

(d) if so, to what extent ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) to (d) A post Uruguay Round exercise will be to identify and work on realizing the opportunities created by the Final Act. A conservative estimate has put the increase in world trade at approximately $ 240 billion per annum. The gains for India in terms of additional exports are estimated to be of the magnitude of $ 1.2 —2 billion per annum.

Legislative Measures Following Acceptance of Dunkel Draft

1898. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the legislative measures proposed to be taken as a follow up of the Dunkel proposals ;

(b) the laws which are likely to be amended immediately ;

(c) the laws which will require amendments later on ;

(d) the date by which these amendments are likely to be completed ; and

(e) Governments's commitment in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) The Final Act of the Uruguay Round enjoins upon Members that they bring their laws, regulations and administrative procedures into conformity with the obligations provided in the Agreements. To safeguard our interests and comply with our obligations, amendments are likely mainly to the Customs Tariff Act (in respect of Anti-Dumping and Counter-vailing Duty provisions) the Indian Copyright Act ; the Trade and Merchandise marks Act ; the patents Act ; the Industrial designs Act ; laws and regulations to deal with restrictive trade practices etc. We would need to consider fresh legislation in the areas of geographical indications, layout designs of integrated circuits ; undisclosed information ; plant variety protection ; safeguards. In some cases like safeguards, anti-dumping and countervailing duties, plant variety protection etc., it may be desirable to initiate legislative measures expeditiously to be able to take advantage of the provisions of the Agreements. We would also need to amend the Patents Act early to provide for pipe-line protection. The other areas of intellactual property rights would need suitable legislative measures to be put in place after a transition period of five years or ten years as the case may be.

Trade Relations with Nepal

1899. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of our trade relations with Nepal ;

(b) whether after the change in the political structure in Nepal our trade with Nepal has increased or decreased ;

(c) what are the new proposals in contemplation with regard to our trade relations with Nepal and

(d) the extent to which India foresees the increase in trade with Nepal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Indo-Nepal Trade relations are governed by the Indo-Nepal Treaties of Trade of Transit and Agreement for Cooperation to control Unauthorised Trade, 1991. Under these